

# The Work of Christ

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# The New Adam

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Where Adam failed as the representative of the human race,  
Christ succeeded as a better Adam.

Adam	Jesus
Sinned	Sinless
Tempted and Fell	Tempted yet faithful
Brought Death into the world	Brought life into the world
Left us born into sin	Gives us birth into new life
Descendants left under a curse	Those united to Christ are free from the curse

Adam's Disobedience	Christ's Obedience
Faced temptation in the Garden of Plenty	Faced temptation in the desert of desolation
Eating of the forbidden tree	Dying on the accursed tree
Eating that which he was commanded not to	Drinking that which he was asked to
The Result is death	The Result is life



# Death and Resurrection

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To atone means offering a sacrificial substitute for the removal of sin. Christ acted as a substitute on mankind's behalf by dying on the Cross.

The cross of Christ is multifaceted yet not showing us a victim but an obedient victor who lived perfectly to fulfill the righteousness required of humanity (Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Cor. 1:30; Matt. 5:15; Rom. 5:8).

Christ takes the device of death and twists it into an instrument of life. While Jesus' suffering was real and dark, the cross is a sign of the culmination of Jesus' perfect life which is confirmed in the resurrection (Phil. 2:5-11).

When we are united to Christ we have been given the promised hope of a transformed body and incorruptibility along with immortality. The perishable will become imperishable, and the mortal will put on immortality, "then it shall come to pass the saying that is written: death is swallowed up in victory"  
(1 Cor. 15:53-56)



# Reconciliation

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All humanity is born as slaves to sin and are called enemies of God – children of wrath (Eph. 2:1–3). The result is a barrier and hostility between the two parties – God and mankind.

Reconciliation is the means by which the two parties are brought together in the removal of that barrier.

Because of Christ that barrier is removed, making reconciliation between us and God, placing us in a right relationship with God (Rom. 5:10; 2 Cor. 5:18–21; Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:22).

# Redemption

Redemption contains the notion of purchasing a slave from the slave market and setting them free. While we were once slaves to sin, God redeems us by the work of Christ who sets us free from that bondage. Christ redeems us from all wickedness (Titus 2:14), the grip of sin (Rom. 6), the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13), and punishment (Rom. 8:1). Through Christ we have redemption, forgiveness of sins, through Jesus' blood (Eph. 1:7).



# Justification

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Justification is a declaration of one being righteous with all of the righteous requirements of the law being satisfied. Justification is opposite of condemnation (Rom. 8:1). On the cross, our sin was placed upon Christ and when we are united to Christ we are given Christ's righteousness (Phil. 3:9). In Christ we can say, "I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness" (Isa. 61:10).

# Adoption

Contrary to popular belief to be considered a child of God means to be under the work of Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13). Outside of Christ, we are children of the Devil (John 8:42-47). One of the benefits of Christ's work is adoption where we are brought into God's family. We see this in Ephesians 1:5 and Galatians 4:4-5, as well as Romans 8 wherein we can now cry out, "Father" to God. Because of Christ we are no longer strangers, aliens, and enemies, but instead children and inheritors of the blessings of God. Romans 8:17 notes that we are co-heirs with Christ and heirs of God who will share in Christ's glory.



# Union & Sanctification

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The New Testament speaks of believers as being “in Christ” over 150 times. As believers we are united to Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. Ephesians 1:3 points out that in Christ we have every spiritual blessing and in Christ we are brought near to God (2:13). This is contrary to being “in Adam” (Rom. 5) where we are under condemnation, with sin and death reigning over us.

In Christ we are free from the power of sin where it is not characteristic of our identity or controlling. While we are free from the power of sin, its presence remains until the completion of sanctification.

Sanctification is referred to in three ways: You have been sanctified (1 Cor. 6:11), you are being sanctified (2 Pet. 1:3–10) and you will be sanctified (or glorified; Rom. 8:30). Sanctification is being set apart by God for service to God as well as the process of moral and spiritual growth from our union to Christ. Sanctification is growing further from sin and closer to conformity to the image of Christ. Sanctification is the fruit of justification and it is the new life of the resurrection being worked out by those united to Christ (2 Pet. 1:1–10).

In glorification, we will be fully incorruptible or sinless, no longer vulnerable to falling into sin.



# In Christ You Are:

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**A New  
Creature** (2  
Corinthians 5:17)

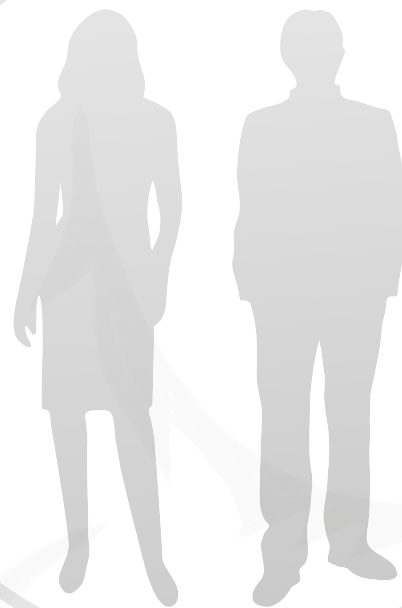
**No Longer a  
Slave to Sin**  
(Romans 6;  
Galatians 5)

**Complete**  
(Colossians 2:10)

**Sealed for  
Redemption**  
(Eph. 1:4; 30, Rom.  
8:28-30)

**Made  
right before  
God** (Romans 8:1;  
1 Peter 2:24)

**A child of  
God** (1 John 3:1)





# Ultimate Rest

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Because of the work of Christ, believers will enter into the ultimate rest in fellowship with God in the New Heavens and New Earth.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.””

(Revelation 21:1–8 ESV)



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**We are forgiven of our corruption  
by his death.**

**We are given incorruptibility by  
his resurrection.**